

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (New) A method of using urodilatin comprising administering urodilatin to a patient with chronic renal insufficiency for one or both of (i) improving residual renal function in the patient before obligatory dialysis and (ii) prolonging the patient's dialysis-free intervals.

Claim 4 (New) A method of using urodilatin comprising adding urodilatin to the peritoneal dialysate of a patient with chronic renal insufficiency undergoing dialysis, for improving the clearance of fluid and urinary waste substances into the abdominal cavity of the patient.